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REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, and 12-17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10, 15, 16, and 17 are the independent claims.

Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 15, 16, and 17 have been amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 10, 15, 16, and 17 can be found throughout the originally filed Specification, for example, at least at page 10, lines 4-29, and in the paragraph beginning on page 17 and ending on page 18. No new matter is believed to have been added. Claims 3 and 5 have merely been amended to provide proper dependency, as claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-3 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,523,028 to DiDomizio et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,490,624 to Sampson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,166,730 to Goode et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0062345 by Guedalia et al., or U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0025306 by Ninokata et al. Claims 5-10 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over DiDomizio et al. as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,246,678 to Erb et al. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, that "the first memory includes a first database for collecting the design asset information and a second database for collecting access control information used to set access privileges to the design asset information", "the processor refers to the access control information to retrieve the privileged information from the first database and generates the session database by collecting the privileged information", "the session database is generated when the user starts a session based on the first database and the second database", "the session database stores only the retrieved design asset information that the user has privilege to access", and "the processor is programmed to access only the session database when the user conducts a search".

Independent claims 10, 15, 16, and 17 recite similar features.

Applicant respectfully submits that the asserted combinations of the cited art do not disclose the aforementioned features of the pending independent claims. Consequently, while not conceding the propriety of the asserted combinations, it is respectfully submitted that the asserted combinations of these citations are likewise deficient.

DiDomizio et al. relates to a method and system for universal querying of distributed databases. At page 3, the Office Action acknowledges that the primary citation to DiDomizio et

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al. does not disclose the user having privilege to access information or a memory that stores a session database in which the retrieved design asset information is collected, wherein the session database is generated when the user starts a session and is deleted when the session is terminated, and wherein the search system searches information requested by the user from the session database. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that DiDomizio et al. neither discloses temporally generating a database that stores only a retrieved design asset information that the user has privilege to access based on first and second databases, nor limiting access to only the temporally generated session database. Nonetheless, the Office rejects these claims contending that Ninokata et al., Sampson et al., Goode et al., or Guedalia et al. provide the necessary disclosure. This contention is respectfully traversed.

Ninokata et al. relates to an apparatus and method for managing a session on a plurality of media such as e-mail, WEB, voice, etc. Applicant respectfully submits that the session information of Ninokata et al. fails to disclose collecting only retrieved design asset information that the user has privilege to access. Thus, Ninokata et al. fails to cure the deficiencies of DiDomizio et al.

Sampson et al. relates to session management in a stateless network system. Applicant respectfully submits that the session database 450 of Sampson et al. fails to disclose collecting only retrieved design asset information that the user has privilege to access. Thus, Sampson et al. fails to cure the deficiencies of DiDomizio et al.

Goode et al. is also directed to session management in a stateless network system. Applicant respectfully submits that the session database 118 of Goode et al. fails to disclose collecting only retrieved design asset information that the user has privilege to access. Thus, Goode et al. fails to cure the deficiencies of DiDomizio et al.

Guedalia et al. relates to a thin instant message proxy interface with persistent sessions. Applicant respectfully submits that the session record 108 of Guedalia et al. fails to disclose collecting only retrieved design asset information that the user has privilege to access. Thus, Guedalia et al. fails to cure the deficiencies of DiDomizio et al.

For at least these reasons, the combination of DiDomizio et al. and Ninokata et al., Sampson et al., Good et al., or Guedalia et al. does not obviate the aforementioned features.

Regarding the rejection of claims 5-10 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103, Erb et al. is relied upon only to teach a database server. Applicant respectfully submits that Erb et al. fails to add anything that would remedy the aforementioned deficiencies of the combination of DiDomizio et al. and Ninokata et al., Sampson et al., Good et al., or Guedalia et al.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent

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claim 10 and the dependent claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent claims should be allowable for the same reasons as their respective base claims and further due to the additional features that they recite. Separate and individual consideration of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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